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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned U.S. application as follows.

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## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

### In the Title:

Please change the title as follows:

~~INDOMETACIN~~ INDOMETHACIN EXTERNAL PREPARATION FOR EXTERNAL USE

### In the specification:

On page 1 of the Specification, after the Title of the Invention and before the Technical Field, please insert the following section:

#### Related Applications

This application is the U.S. National Phase under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of International Application PCT/JP2003/009273, filed July 22, 2003, which was published in a language other than English, which claims priority of Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-219315, filed July 29, 2002.

In the claim amendments under Article 34, before Claim 1, please amend as follows:

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS: CLAIMES